



The Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Margaret Cox
File: B-232588
Date: September 29, 1988

DIGEST

Solicitation requirement that "contractor" perform services does not prohibit an awardee from having a qualified employee perform the contract. Whether the awardee will be able to perform as required concerns the awardee's responsibility. The General Accounting Office will not review affirmative determinations of responsibility except in certain limited circumstances not applicable here.

DECISION

Margaret Cox protests the award of a contract to Richard Wieke under invitation for bids (IFB) No. DABT15-88-B-0079 issued by the Army Soldier Support Center for an effective writing program.

Cox contends that Wieke does not have the qualifications required by the solicitation to perform the contract, and that the IFB does not permit a contractor to have an employee perform the contract.

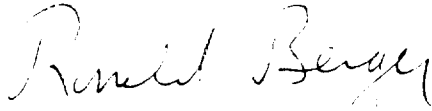
The protest is without merit. Contrary to Cox's assertions, the IFB did not preclude a contractor from employing qualified persons to perform the contract; there is no requirement that an individual contractor perform the contract personally.

By submitting a bid that took no exceptions to the requirements of the IFB, Wieke obligated himself to perform in accordance with the terms of the IFB. Whether Wieke will

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be able to perform as required is a matter of the awardee's responsibility. This Office does not review affirmative determinations of responsibility except under circumstances not present here. See Chauld Ambulance Service, B-228278, Jan. 7, 1988, 88-1 CPD ¶ 11.

The protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald Berger".

Ronald Berger
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